

now for various offices in state government that very few people can qualify. You know, I think it was very difficult for the State of Nebraska to come up with someone who could qualify as a penologist and qualify under the requirements that we have in that area. I think we have some very difficult qualifications in the Department of Institutions where it makes it virtually impossible to find someone who has the combination of administrative ability and the professional understanding to really qualify in those positions. And I think one of the problems we have with tightening things down as we have tried to do in many other areas where we have tried to define what kind of an accountant one would have to be if they were going to be...seek the....

SPEAKER MARVEL: You have one minute left.

SENATOR NEWELL:the region....yes, I know, CPA, but I am trying to think of the other....the position, the accountant, auditor of public accounts. That's what it is. And so what we find ourselves doing here is trying to be very specific about what kind of an individual can run for public office, and oftentimes these public offices are really administrative as opposed to a one-man shop that would have to be able to do everything. Now I think that the problems we have with this kind of amendment is it does narrow it down too much, and, in fact, in Douglas County we have a situation where this may be somewhat embarrassing to the county engineer, and I know that it wasn't intended that way. But I think that these are the kinds of problems we have when we try to narrow things so tight that very few people will even qualify and then we as the public have a very difficult time choosing from those few that qualify who would best serve in that position. So I urge that you oppose the Stoney amendment. It is not necessary. Those kinds of clarifications are....go too far and with that in mind I urge you to oppose the motion to bring it back.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Okay, Senator Keyes, Senator Landis, Senator Hoagland, Senator Schmit, Senator Rumery, Senator Goodrich, Senator Reutzel. Senator Keyes.

SENATOR KEYES: I will be very short. The bill came through the Government Committee. It was heard and Senator Stoney brought this to my attention that maybe we ought to have a classified civil engineer. The engineer that is elected, and this is an elected office, will appear before the Board of Examiners and if he can answer the questions, he